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-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS --

Page 11, line 1, please delete the heading "CLAIMS" and please add the heading:

-- WHAT IS CLAIMED: --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 1-8 in their entirety, prior to calculation of the filing fee, and please add new claims 9-23, as follows:

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9. A smoking article comprising:
a tobacco rod which comprises a blend of shredded tobacco and shredded reconstituted tobacco sheet, the reconstituted tobacco sheet containing activated carbon particles;
and
a wrapper around the tobacco rod, the wrapper having a permeability of 20 CORESTA or greater.

A 10. An article according to claim 9 in which the activated carbon particles are of vegetable origin.

11. An article according to claim 10 wherein the vegetable origin is coconut.

12. An article according to claim 9 wherein the carbon particles have a mean particle size of about 37 μm .

13. An article according to claim 10 wherein the carbon particles have a mean particle size of about 37 μm .

14. An article according to claim 11 wherein the carbon particles have a mean particle size of about 37 μm .

15. An article according to claim 9 wherein the shredded reconstituted tobacco sheet contains sufficient activated carbon particles to reduce the aldehyde content of mainstream smoke when the smoking article is smoked.

16. A method of producing a smoking article with reduced sidestream smoke and increased perceived mildness during smoking, said method comprising:

providing as a tobacco rod substance a blend of shredded tobacco and shredded reconstituted tobacco sheet containing activated carbon particles; and
placing about the tobacco rod substance a wrapper of a material having a permeability of 20 CORESTA or greater.

17. A method according to claim 16 wherein the step of placing of the wrapper about the tobacco rod substance includes the step of hand-rolling the smoking article.

18. A method according to claim 16 wherein said step of providing a blend of shredded tobacco and shredded reconstituted tobacco sheet containing activated carbon particles includes the step of providing sufficient activated carbon particles so as to reduce the aldehyde content of mainstream smoke when the smoking article is smoked.

19. A method according to claim 17 wherein said step of providing a blend of shredded tobacco and shredded reconstituted tobacco sheet containing activated carbon particles includes the step of providing sufficient activated carbon particles so as to reduce the aldehyde content of mainstream smoke when the smoking article is smoked.

20. A kit for hand-rolling a smoking article with reduced sidestream smoke and increased perceived mildness during smoking, said kit comprising:

a tobacco rod substance of shredded tobacco and shredded reconstituted tobacco sheet containing activated carbon particles; and

a wrapper material having a permeability of 20 CORESTA or greater.

21. The kit of claim 20 wherein the shredded reconstituted tobacco sheet contains sufficient activated carbon particles to reduce the aldehyde content of mainstream smoke when the smoking article is smoked.

22. The kit of claim 20 wherein the activated carbon particles are of vegetable origin.

23. The kit of claim 21 wherein the activated carbon particles are of vegetable origin.